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The Lady and the Detective.

"Acquaintance with a detective is not the good thing some people may imagine," said a young woman who has never yet been accused of being an adventuress or anything else that is supposed to get one's name on the front pages of the newspapers. "A few months ago I was robbed of a belt that I prized very highly because it was unique and cannot be duplicated. I spent considerable money and had the assistance of a headquarters detective, but without recovering the belt.

"That was all well enough, but yesterday as I was walking down Broadway I saw Mr. Detective. He saw me, too, and remembered that he had seen me somewhere, but had evidently forgotten the circumstances. He 'shadowed' me for a block; then when I turned into a store he slipped into a doorway and waited for me to come out. Again he shadowed me till I turned into my doorway. At that point he seemed to suddenly remember that he had known me as a client, not as a victim, for as I looked back he seemed to have a sheepish look in his face as he turned and walked rapidly away."—New York Globe.

One Omission.

"One of the most striking characters in my company," says the author of "The Story of a Cannoneer Under Stonewall Jackson," "was 'General' Jake, as we called him, whose passion for war kept him always in the army, although his aversion to battle kept him always in the rear. An interview between the general and one of our company, as he viewed the man and was struck with his appearance, was as follows:

"Well, general, you are the most perfect looking specimen of a soldier I ever beheld. That piercing eye, the grizzly mustache, the firm jaw, the pose of the head, that voice—in fact, the whole makeup fills to the full the measure of a man of war."

"The general, with a graceful bow and a deep roll in his voice, replied, 'Sire, in enumerating the items which go to constitute a great general I notice the omission of one requisite, the absence of which in my outfit lost to the cause a genius in council and a mighty leader in battle.'

"What was that, general?"
"Sire, it goes by the name of courage."

Shortcomings of Giants.

The giants of real life are shambling, stoop shouldered, splay footed creatures, who could not run a mile at speed to save their lives. They have big jaws and ears, but small brains, flat chests, enormous appetites and poor digestions. They seldom get beyond the stage of intelligence of a healthy boy of fourteen, and they die early and from the most trivial causes.

The Irish giant Cornelius McGrath died from the shock of a fall from slipping on a piece of orange peel and Lady Aama of collapse after a fit of coughing. They seem to have the vitality of a 150 pound man diffused through 300 pounds and cannot properly "police" their own body territory.

As for bullying their neighbors, they have more than they can do to attend to themselves. If they ever did get on seven league boots, they would lose a leg within ten strides. Although capable at times of brief displays of giant strength, which can be utilized for a limited number of exhibition feats, they seldom have any endurance or application and are usually indolent, easy going and of weakly amiable disposition.—American Magazine.

Mixing the Cures.

The fat man with a sixty-two inch waist and a chin like the steps of St. Paul's walked into the chemist's shop and mopped his face with a blue silk handkerchief.

"Look here!" he grunted as he opened his waistcoat. "Look here! It's flesh, solid man meat, every ounce of it. I've gained thirteen pounds in weight this last fortnight, and you, you miserable little pill pounder, assured me that one jar of your 'Anti-Obeso' would give me the figure of a Greek god. There's the pot. Bring your microscope out and examine it to see I haven't shirked taking the beastly stuff." Then he paused for breath.

The chemist smiled. "You've certainly cleared the jar," he agreed, "but the 'Anti-Obeso' was in a blue pot. That white one contained the stuff I guaranteed would keep your retriever's coat from coming out."

The fat man gasped and held on to the counter for support.

"Great Scott!" he said. "And I've just been writing to the papers asking if they can explain why an eighty pound retriever should suddenly change into a two pound and a half lapdog!"—Pearson's Weekly.

Dismal Professions.

The question was recently asked in a newspaper. "What is the most dismal of professions?" Among those that occurred to us as having a claim to be so considered were gravedigging, scavenging, listening to parliamentary orations through an all night sitting and the writing of poems or articles that nobody reads. The washing of dishes may be made interesting if done scientifically.—British Medical Journal.

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